

ST. BEDE C. E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NOVEMBER 2017

Introduction

Once again, we are fighting off the 'C' word for as long as possible but we do feel like King Canute fighting back the tide, with Christmas decorations and gifts having been in the shops for such a long time! We do try to hold it back until December, although this is difficult when the infants have to start rehearsing Nativity plays in November.

Staffing

We welcome back Miss White from her maternity leave, just in time for Parents' Evenings. Almost simultaneously, we send Mrs Dring and Miss Sofield off to begin their maternity leave, both babies are expected quite soon. We hope everything goes well for both ladies and we look forward to lots of baby cuddles. Our Nursery Manager, Mrs Drake, will be taking up the role of Assistant Headteacher for Early Years during Mrs Dring's maternity leave, and we welcome a new member of staff, Emily Cohen, who will be joining the team covering for Miss Sofield.

R.E.S.P.E.C.T

During the last half term it was upsetting to hear that several members of staff commented to senior managers about the way they had been spoken to by parents. Whilst we appreciate that sometimes parents may be upset about something, please speak to our staff in a civil and respectful manner when discussing things and NEVER in front of the children; children quickly pick up on negativity between parents and staff and are only too quick to emulate it. Two of the seven values which we teach our children are Kindness and Respect and we ask that parents also observe and demonstrate these values to children and to staff.

You may have seen some new posters dotted around the school reminding everyone of the importance of respecting each other. Please take the time to read these. Our staff work very hard indeed for all the children; it may be their job, but they always go above and beyond. Thank you.

Attendance

Attendance so far this year has been a little disappointing at 95.59%, set against the Governors' target of 96.5%. Many parents are still taking their children out of school during term time on unauthorised holiday or other reason. Unfortunately this doesn't seem to have improved at all this

academic year as many parents have already put in holiday requests, all of which have been refused. Please don't put us in this position of having to refuse, refer to the holiday pattern before booking holidays. An education is the finest gift we can give to our children, and we cannot stress enough the importance of children being in school each day, on time. Please help us, and your child, by ensuring that their attendance remains at a minimum of 96% (green) to allow them to achieve their full potential. **School Matters ... if your child Attends Today, they will Achieve Tomorrow.**

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance and wish to discuss this with the school, Mrs Hardman, our attendance officer, is available each Thursday morning by appointment. You will receive the colour coded letter soon indicating whether your child's attendance has been at an acceptable level or not; if it isn't the colour you had expected or hoped for, please come and see Mrs Woods or Mrs Hardman for an explanation.

Parents entering school premises

Can we please remind parents that access to classrooms on the infant and junior corridors in the mornings and afternoons (before and after school starts/finishes) are for staff and pupils only. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher please wait for them to come out onto the yard, or alternatively speak to Mrs Woods to arrange an appointment. Thank you ...

Trips

Year 6 are visiting the Fire and Rescue Training Centre in Bury on Monday 11th December where they will learn how to prevent fires in the home and other fire safety skills, as part of their PSHE learning. They will also visit the cinema to watch a film called 'Wonder' about a young boy with a severe facial disfigurement and how he copes during his first year at school.

Young Entrepreneurs

Our Young Entrepreneurs will once again be taking part in the St. Bede Church Christmas Fayre which takes place on Saturday 18th November 10.30am-2:30pm, in Church. Please come along to sample some of their tasty treats and support our fantastic team.

PGL 2018

A reminder for parents of children who are attending PGL next year that a further £50.00 is required by **Friday 15th December**. Reminder slips will be sent out before this time and payments should be made to Mrs Woods in the school office. If you have a difficulty in making this payment, please speak to Mrs Roberts, don't just ignore the date. Thank you.

St. Bede Academy Nursery

We have a small number of vacancies in our Academy Nursery due to families moving out of the area. If you would like any information please contact us on 01204 61899 and ask for Mrs Drake, our Nursery Manager.

Mobile phones on the school premises

At St. Bede we take the safeguarding of our children very seriously and as such would ask that all parents/carers refrain from using their mobile phones whilst on the school premises, including the playground. This is purely to protect **your** children, and it is so much nicer to say goodbye in a morning and greet your child in an afternoon with a smile, and not a mobile phone. Thank you for your co-operation.

Medicine Policy

Here's a reminder of our medicine policy for your information:

- Non-prescribed medicines are not allowed in school;
- The parent/carer must provide and deliver the prescribed medication to the appropriate staff member who will ensure it is securely stored in the locked medical cabinet/fridge in the SMT office. The medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name;
- A child may only take prescribed medication in school if the parent/carer has given written permission and detailed instructions of how it should be administered;
- Staff are not legally required to administer any medication and should therefore not undertake this task. The child must be able to self-administer their own medication under the supervision of a designated adult. If this is not possible then a parent/carer must be present to administer.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 15 th Nov	9:00am 1K Assembly Nursery photographs
Sat 18 th Nov	10:30am St. Bede Church Christmas Fayre, St. Bede's Church
Wed 22 nd Nov	9:00am 3T Assembly
Fri 24 th Nov	School Closure Day
Wed 29 th Nov	9:00am 4G Assembly
Fri 1 st Dec	PTA non-uniform day to collect items for the Christmas Hampers
Tue 5 th Dec	10:00am EYFS Nativity performance
Wed 6 th Dec	Choir singing at the St. Bede Church Luncheon Club 1:45pm EYFS Nativity performance
Thu 7 th Dec	10:00am EYFS Nativity performance 1:45pm Y2 Christmas performance
Fri 8 th Dec	9:30am Y2 Christmas performance 1:45pm EYFS Nativity performance
Mon 11 th Dec	1:30pm Y2 to sing at Kenyon Rise 1:30pm Y1 Christmas Concert, St. Bede's Church
Tue 12 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Party Year 1 Audiology Tests
Wed 13 th Dec	9:00am 5B Assembly Year 1 Audiology Tests Children's Christmas Dinner 6:00pm Carol Service at St. Bede's Church
Thu 14 th Dec	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Fri 15 th Dec	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party Year 1 Audiology Tests
Mon 18 th Dec	Pantomime 'Snow White'
Tue 19 th Dec	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Wed 20 th Dec	9:00am Year 6 Assembly Father Christmas in school

And finally ...

School will close for an occasional day on Friday 24th November. Every year, some children turn up to a closed school because parents haven't read this newsletter or referred to the published holiday pattern. Please don't let it be your child.

School will close for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 20th December at 3:15pm and re-open on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at 8:55am.

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This Newsletter and lots of other information can be found on our website: www.stbedeacademy.org. Thank you for your continued support.

If you wish to make any comments about this Newsletter, or about anything else in school, please make them in the box below and return to your child's class teacher.

Comments:

My child is in Class.....